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COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER AND TOTAL LIVEWEIGHTS, OCTOBER 2002-2003 1/

Class	Number Slaughtered			Total Liveweight		
	Oct. 2002	Sep. 2003	Oct. 2003	Oct. 2002	Sep. 2003	Oct. 2003
	<i>-Thousand Head-</i>			<i>-Thousand Head-</i>		
Virginia						
Cattle	1.1	0.7	0.9	1,038	665	973
Calves	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hogs	388.9	273.2	370.6	100,344	68,502	95,912
Sheep & Lamb	—	—	—	—	—	—
United States						
Cattle	3,266.6	3,122.9	3,002.6	4,148,453	3,832,666	3,695,836
Calves	100.9	82.6	87.5	31,033	25,398	26,973
Hogs	9,403.6	8,554.2	9,638.7	2,482,798	2,245,693	2,575,859
Sheep & Lamb	300.6	256.3	265.5	39,617	33,594	35,706

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

VIRGINIA: COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION 1/

State	Oct. 2002	Sep. 2003	Oct. 2003	Oct. 2003 as Percent of: 2/	
				Oct. 2002	Sep. 2003
Virginia	-Million Pounds-			-Percent-	
	76.1	52.0	72.8	96	140

1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. 2 / Percentages based on unrounded data.

STOCKS OF PEANUTS AND SPECIFIED PRODUCTS AT MONTH'S END, 2003- 20041/

Month Ending	Farmer Stock	Shelled Peanuts 2/	Roasting Stock (In Shell)	Farmer Stock Equivalent	
				Shelled Peanuts	Total 3/
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>
Aug 2003	79,508	362,015	33,667	481,480	594,655
Sep	503,790	279,008	17,038	371,081	891,909
Oct	1,789,844	311,898	27,857	414,824	2,232,525
Nov					
Dec					
Jan 2004					
Feb					
Mar					
Apr					
May					
Jun					
Jul					
Oct 2002	1,380,798	421,079	37,511	560,035	1,978,344

1/ Excludes stocks on farms. Includes stocks owned by or held for account of CCC in commercial storage facilities. Farmer stock on net weight basis. 2/ Includes shelled edible grades, shelled oil stock, and shelled seed (untreated). 3/ Actual farmer stock, plus roasting stock, plus shelled peanuts X 1.33.

FARMER STOCK PEANUTS, BY TYPES, ON HAND AT MONTH'S END, 2003- 20041/

Month Ending	Virginias	Runners	Spanish (By Areas)				Total All Types
			Virginia North Carolina	Southeast	Southwest	Total 3/	
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>
Aug 2003	1,028	76,792	0	0	1,688	1,688	79,508
Sep	13,736	488,632	0	0	1,422	1,422	503,790
Oct	234,794	1,531,072	0	0	23,978	23,978	1,789,844
Nov							
Dec							
Jan 2004							
Feb							
Mar							
Apr							
May							
Jun							
Jul							
Oct 2002	164,846	1,204,946	0	0	11,006	11,006	1,380,798

1/ Excludes stocks on farms. Includes stocks owned by or held for account of peanut producers and CCC in commercial storage facilities. Farmer stock on net weight basis.

**FARM LABOR: EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE RATES, VIRGINIA-NORTH CAROLINA AND U.S. 1/,
OCTOBER 6-12 2003, WITH COMPARISONS**

Farm Employment	VA-NC			UNITED STATES		
	Oct. 6-12, 2002	Jul. 6-12, 2003	Oct. 12-18, 2003	Oct. 6-12, 2002	Jul. 6-12, 2003	Oct. 12-18, 2003
	<i>-1,000 workers-</i>			<i>-1,000 workers-</i>		
Hired Workers Employed	42	53	45	940	943*	891
150 days or more	25	28	29	685	680*	626
149 days or less	17	25	16	255	263*	265
Agricultural Services						
Workers Working on Farms	2/	2/	2/	271	320	306
Hired Farm & Service Workers	2/	2/	2/	1,211	1,263*	1,197
Hours Worked						
Hired	33.1	32.0	32.5	40.4	39.8*	40.2
				<i>Hours Per Week</i>		
				<i>Dollars Per Hour</i>		
Wage Rates For All Hired Workers 3/ 4/	8.21	8.30	8.66	8.95	8.88	9.05
Type of Worker:						
Field & Livestock Combined	7.70	7.76	8.10	8.36	8.26	8.47
Field	7.57	7.61	8.19	8.34	8.17	8.42
Livestock	8.00	8.17	7.92	8.42	8.57	8.64

* Revised. 1/ Excludes Alaska. 2/Insufficient data for this category. 3/ Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates. 4/ Excludes Agricultural Service workers.

LAYERS AND EGGS : LAYERS ON HAND AND EGGS PRODUCED, VIRGINIA, OCTOBER 2003 and 2003

Item	2002	2003
Layers During October		
All Layers (thousand) 1/	2,902	2,990
Eggs per 100 layers During October		
All Layers 1/	2,068	1,973
Eggs Produced During October		
All Layers (million)	60	59
Table Eggs (million)	31	27
Hatching Eggs (million)	29	32

1/ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	Virginia			United States			Parity Prices Nov. 2003
		Nov. 2002	Oct. 2003	Nov. 2003	Nov. 2002	Oct. 2003	Nov. 2003	
		<i>-Dollars -</i>			<i>- Dollars -</i>			
Wheat (Winter) 2/	Bu.	3.47	2.99	3.38	4.18	3.37	3.64	9.82
Corn	Bu.	2.71	2.26	2.45	2.28	2.12	2.24	6.71
Barley (All)	Bu.	1.61	1.71	1.68	2.79	2.77	2.56	6.65
Hay, Baled: All 3/	Ton	100.00	89.50	84.00	93.20	84.40	80.70	—
Alfalfa 3/	Ton	135.00	114.00	112.00	101.00	88.80	88.00	—
Other 3/	Ton	96.00	87.00	81.00	73.90	71.40	64.90	—
All Tobacco	Cwt.	187.00	190.00	177.00	196.00	188.50	198.00	—
Peanuts	Lb.	0.209	—	—	.180	.185	.189	.670
Soybeans	Bu.	5.48	6.62	7.17	5.46	6.61	7.37	14.70
Apples, For Fresh Use	Lb.	.220	.260	.260	.268	.273	.274	.495
Potatoes	Cwt.	--	—	—	6.38	4.67	5.17	14.00
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	58.60	74.50	74.00	67.30	92.00	93.20	163.00
Cows	Cwt.	30.00	37.00	37.00	33.00	44.90	46.70	—
Steers and Heifers	Cwt.	68.70	84.50	87.00	71.90	97.80	99.70	—
Calves	Cwt.	75.20	90.90	98.00	91.90	113.00	112.00	219.00
Hogs (All)	Cwt.	7/	7/	7/	27.80	36.80	34.80	104.00
Milk: All, Wholesale 4/ 8/	Cwt.	14.00	16.60	16.70	11.90	15.00	14.90	34.00
Fluid Consumption 8/	Cwt.	14.00	16.60	16.70	11.90	15.00	14.90	—
Manufacture 8/	Cwt.	7/	7/	7/	10.70	14.70	14.60	—
Market Eggs 3/ 5/	Doz.	.570	.720	1.030	.559	.703	.926	1.61
Broilers, Live 6/	Lb.	7/	7/	7/	.280	.370	.370	—
Turkeys, Live 3/ 6/	Lb.	7/	7/	7/	.398	.386	.407	.999

-- No sales indicated. 1/ Current month prices are mid-month prices, other months are entire month prices except where noted. 2/ Parity price is for All Wheat. 3/ All prices are mid-month. 4/ Before deductions for hauling and govt. withholding, but includes bulk tank, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 5/ Includes eggs sold retail by the producer. 6/ Equivalent liveweight returns to producers for most states. 7/ Discontinued. 8/ Fat test percent: all milk 3.77 fluid, milk 3.77, mfg. grade 3.96.

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